

# DELAWARE PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS BOARD

The Townsend Building  
401 Federal Street, Suite 2  
Dover, Delaware 19901

## Meeting Minutes

Department of Education  
Cabinet Room  
Dover, DE 19904  
November 5, 2015  
3:00 P.M.

**Members Present:** Diane Albanese, Amber Augustus, Jennifer Burton, Stephanie DeWitt, Nelia Dolan, Laura Glass, Cristy Greaves, Darren Guido, David Kohan, Rosaria Macera, Byron Murphy, Darlene O'Neill, Mary Pinkston, Stephanie Smith and Sue Smith

**Members Absent:** Linda Brown

**Others Present:** Chris Kenton; PSB Executive Director, Kathleen Geiszler; DOJ Attorney, Angeline Rivello; Department of Education, Deborah Stevens; DSEA, Kathryn Brown; Wilmington University, Stephanie LoBiondo; Wilmington University, Lisa Hedrick; ETS, Rick Lane; Visitor

### I. Opening

**Call to Order:** Mr. Murphy, Professional Standards Board Chair, called the meeting to Order at 3:04 p.m.

#### Approval of Agenda

A Motion was made by Dr. Greaves and Seconded by Dr. Guido to approve the November 5, 2015 amended agenda. *The motion carried* (15 Yes to 0 No's – Albanese, Augustus, Burton, DeWitt, Dolan, Glass, Greaves, Guido, Kohan, Macera, Murphy, O'Neill, Pinkston, Smith and Smith), motion was amended to remove Action Item C – Delaware Administrator Standards and to add Action Item F – Certification Program for Leaders in Education

#### Approval of Minutes for October 1, 2015

A Motion was made by Ms. Albanese and Seconded by Ms. Burton to approve the October 1, 2015 Minutes. *The motion carried* (15 Yes to 0 No's – Albanese, Augustus, Burton, DeWitt, Dolan, Glass, Greaves, Guido, Kohan, Macera, Murphy, O'Neill, Pinkston, Smith and Smith), minutes were amended to correct one typographical error

### II. Public Comment

None

### III. Executive Director's Report

- Kim Rodriguez, Administrative Assistant has taken a new position with the DOE
- We have three birthdays this month: Byron Murphy, Darlene O'Neil and Mary Pinkston, please enjoy the birthday cake.
- Participated in a conference call with ETS (Lisa Hedrick, with us today)
- Served as one of the final judges for the State Teacher of the Year and attended the banquet with many of our current PSB members. It was a wonderful night!
- Katie and I both attended a conference in Baltimore. I am serving on a Delaware committee with Donna Johnson from the State Board of Education. We will both continue to update you on that work
- Katie also attended a three day conference with the National Council of State Education Attorneys
- I met with Angeline Rivello, Maria Degnats, Erin Pieshala, Wendy Modzelewski, and Katie Geiszler to go over upcoming PSB Regulations.
- Presented to the State Board of Education (1502 and 1506 for Publication)
- Licensure and Certification Criteria Committee met and is currently working on putting together a Delaware team to work on the Performance Assessments edTPA and PPAT.
- Presented to the DASPA group. They have asked me to take a look at the Praxis II for Spanish. Lisa Hedrick and I are going to discuss that later today.
- Worked with Kim to update eBoard and the PSB website.
- Talked with Mr. Byron Murphy to discuss the month's agenda.
- Met with Katie Geiszler to discuss upcoming Revocation Hearings.
- We created a basket for raffle here at the Department.

#### IV. **Presentation**

- ❖ *Angeline Rivello gave a brief discussion on changing regulations regarding performance assessments and their impact on licensure and certification standards. There will be a subcommittee created to discuss the assessments by ETS and Pearson. The new guidelines will have be approved by July 1, but the subcommittee should have their recommendations by the end of February. Membership on the subcommittee is still being determined.*

#### V. **Discussion Items**

- A. **1561 – Bilingual Teacher**
- B. **1562 – English to Speakers of Other Languages**

There are a couple of things that have been discussed with the Licensure and Certification Office and by the Licensure and Certification Criteria Committee during the past month. It is something that this Board has discussed in the past, without a resolution. The question remains whether to treat these regulations as a Category Certification or a Content Certification. This needs to be established before drafting new regulatory language. Chris has also had discussions with Angeline and her office regarding sections 4.3 and 4.4 as well. It makes no sense to have a section 4.4 at all. If someone is applying for additional certifications, would the same rules not apply? The Board also discussed the minor differences between the two certifications; primarily that a bilingual teacher must be also be certified in a target language. Also discussed a need for a non-regulatory note regarding passing the appropriate Praxis exam.

## VI. **Action Items**

- A. **1522 – Elementary School Counselor**
- B. **1545 – Secondary School Counselor**

A discussion began last month regarding these two regulations, but there were some questions regarding section 4.2.1. Laura had raised some questions regarding CACREP and CAEP and wondered if we needed to include them or not. Chris presented three options that had been discussed, but a fourth option was presented by Angeline and Laura with minor adjustments to wording. A definition of CAEP would also be added under 4.2.0 for both regulations. There were also modifications to regulation numbers as necessary with the adjustments.

The January 1, 2017 deadline was introduced to allow current Wilmington University students sufficient time to complete their current pathway. Chris thanked Stephanie LoBiondo and the Wilmington University staff for their assistance and input on the revisions that their program has made on this subject.

Regarding 1522, Motion for approval was made by Dr. Smith and Seconded by Dr. Greaves, ***The motion carried*** (15 Yes to 0 No's – Albanese, Augustus, Burton, DeWitt, Dolan, Glass, Greaves, Guido, Kohan, Macera, Murphy, O'Neill, Pinkston, Smith and Smith), moving 1522 to publication.

Regarding 1545, Motion for approval was made by Mr. Kohan and Seconded by Ms. Dolan, ***The motion carried*** (15 Yes to 0 No's – Albanese, Augustus, Burton, DeWitt, Dolan, Glass, Greaves, Guido, Kohan, Macera, Murphy, O'Neill, Pinkston, Smith and Smith), moving 1545 to publication.

- C. **1590 – Delaware Administrator Standards**

This regulation will be discussed further once the revised National Standards have been received. Chris will draft a revision based on the new National regulation and will present at a future meeting.

**D. 1559 – Skilled and Technical Science Teacher**

This regulation is being reviewed under the five year cycle and will apply to the issuance of Standard Certificate, pursuant to 14 Delaware Code SS 1220(a) for Skilled and Technical Sciences Teacher in a specific career area. A general Skilled and Technical Sciences certification does not exist and qualified educators may become certified in more than one specific career area by meeting the qualifications of each area.

At a previous PSB meeting, Mr. Luke Rhine from the Department discussed how the Department is looking to expand CTE into 21<sup>st</sup> Century Careers, and to create opportunities for all students to pursue a career and college readiness as part of the instructional program.

This new 1559 will expand the definition of CTE to include programs beyond the traditional tracks to include things such as: Computer Science for Engineering by a Medical Scientist.

The proposed changes were primarily surface level and were not intended to alter credits. We submitted this to the Registrar of Regulations and it went out for one full month seeking public comment. We did not receive any.

Regarding 1559, Motion for approval was made by Dr. Greaves and Seconded by Mr. Kohan, *The motion carried* (15 Yes to 0 No's – Albanese, Augustus, Burton, DeWitt, Dolan, Glass, Greaves, Guido, Kohan, Macera, Murphy, O'Neill, Pinkston, Smith and Smith), moving 1559 to final action.

**E. 1583 – School Psychologist**

1583 School Psychologist shall apply to the requirements for a Standard Certificate, pursuant to 14 Delaware Code SS 1220(a), for School Psychologist. This certification is required for all School Psychologists providing services to children with the Delaware public school system.

This regulation is being reviewed under the five year cycle.

In working with different School Psychologists throughout the State in discussing this regulation, one recommendation came forward. We learned that not every National Association of School Psychologists approved specialist program requires a Master's Degree on their way to their educational specialist degree. And not every approved program has a Master's Degree program – some have certificate of advanced studies. A suggestion was made to add the words "culminating in educational specialist degree or its equivalent or a Doctoral degree" in 4.1.1

This was sent to the Registrar of Regulations to be printed for publication for one month. We did receive public comment, which is included in your folder today.

The Governor's Advisory Council for Exceptional Citizens endorsed the proposed changes that we have made. They did have a few observations that they have noted, also in your folders.

The first comment mentions that the language in our rationale was vague. Katie and Chris have discussed this, and to be honest, the language that we used for this is similar to all of the other rationale that we have used in the past. Also, Katie and Chris read through the comment several times and are not 100% sure what their concern is and feel that the language in the regulation meets the criteria; wanted to see if the board had any more input on these comments at this time.

Regarding 1583, Motion for approval was made by Dr. Smith and Seconded by Dr. Guido, ***The motion carried*** (15 Yes to 0 No's – Albanese, Augustus, Burton, DeWitt, Dolan, Glass, Greaves, Guido, Kohan, Macera, Murphy, O'Neill, Pinkston, Smith and Smith), moving 1583 to final action.

**F. *1595 – Certification Program for Leaders in Education***

This regulation shall apply to certification programs for Leaders in Education, pursuant to 14 Delaware Admin Code 1591 School Principal and Assistant School Principal, 14 Delaware Admin Code 1592 Certified Central Office Personnel, 14 Delaware Admin Code 1593 Superintendent and 14 Delaware Admin Code 1594 Special Education Director.

The current regulation calls for an application for a Leader Prep program to first come to the Executive Director of the PSB. If it is complete, I will then take it before one of our standing committees, the LCCC. If they recommend the program, I will then bring it before you all, the full PSB. If you all recommend the program, we will then take it to the State Board of Education. If they recommend the program, it is presented to the Secretary of Education for final assent.

In conversations with the parties involved, the new regulation would change some of those procedures. The PSB would still be part of the approval process, but would be taken out of the renewal process. The State Board would be taken out of the approval process, but would remain in the renewal process, where they could base that decision off of actual data. The Secretary of Education would still have final assent.

The regulation was sent to the Registrar of Regulations for one full month for public comment. We did receive some, which is included in your packet today.

The Governor's Advisory Council for Exceptional Citizens had only one concern: they feel that it would be helpful to have the same agency (or agencies) involved in both the initial approval as well as the renewal as then both would be more familiar with the original application. I personally have no issue with the regulation as written and passed by the PSB and SBE due to the excellent lines of communications between the two boards. The board discussed the comments and agreed to vote on the regulation as written and presented.

Regarding 1595, Motion for approval was made by Dr. Greaves and Seconded by Dr. Guido, *The motion carried* (15 Yes to 0 No's – Albanese, Augustus, Burton, DeWitt, Dolan, Glass, Greaves, Guido, Kohan, Macera, Murphy, O'Neill, Pinkston, Smith and Smith), moving 1595 to final action.

**VII. PSB Standing Committee**

**A. Licensure Certification Criteria**

- Planning to meet on November 18th
- Would like to have more information regarding Bilingual and ESOL Certifications

**B. Professional Development and Associated Compensation Criteria Committee**

- None

**VII. Other  
None**

**VIII. Public Comment  
None**

**IX. Adjournment**

- A motion was made by Dr. Guido and seconded by Dr. Greaves to adjourn the meeting. *The motion carried* (15 Yes to 0 No's – Albanese, Augustus, Brown, Burton, Dolan, Glass, Greaves, Guido, Kohan, Macera, Murphy, O'Neill, Pinkston, Smith and Smith). The meeting adjourned at 4:07p.m.